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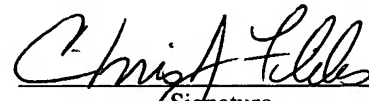
In regard to International Application of:

Serial No. PCT/GB02/02476
Applicant: John Bolland Reast
Filing Date: June 14, 2002
Title: LEAF SPRING SUSPENSION SYSTEMS
AND SUB-ASSEMBLIES THEREFOR
Attorney Docket No. 02004.073
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with entry into the National Phase in the United States of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 12 and amend claims 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 16-18, 20-22, and 25-29 as follows:

1. (original) A sub-assembly for a vehicle suspension system, comprising:
a leaf spring;